THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) The mandate of the Department of Wastelands Development is to develop non-forest wastelands for sustainable use for increasing bio-mass availability, specially fuelwood and fodder on wastershed basis. The Department of Wastelands Development does not have the mandate to bring the wastelands into cultivable land. The Department of Wastelands Development has sanctioned seven Integrated Wastelands Development Projects for the districts of Pudukottai, Periyar, Pasumpon, North Arcot, South Arcot, T. Samuvarayar and Coimbatore at a total cost of Rs. 1576.09 lakhs for the development of 21,618 ha. of wastelands for a period ranging 3 to 5 years. There is no such selection or option prescribed for sanctioning the Projects. If the project proposale are in conformity with the guidelines of the scheme, the same are sanctioned.

(b) Under IWDP Scheme projects are sanctioned under the Guidelines for Watershed Development from 1-4.1995 and funds are released to the DRDAs on 100 per cent Grant-in-aid basis. During the last two years i.e. 1995-96 and 1996-97, under this scheme, an amount of Rs. 321.50 lakhs were releaased.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

मध्य प्रदेश में गैर जनजातियों के कब्जे में अनुसूचित जनजातियों की जमीन

2435. **श्री दलीप सिंह जूदेव :** क्या **ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के प्रत्येक जिले में अनुसूचित जनजातियों की कितनी मात्रा में जमीन गैर जनजातियों के कब्जे में नियम विरूद्ध पाई गई है,

(ख) उनमें से प्रत्येक जिले में कितनी जमीन अनुसूचित जनजाति के लोगों को मध्य प्रदेश भू-राजस्व संहिता की धारा 170 (ख) के अन्तर्गत कार्यवाही करके वापस दिलाई गई है,

(ग) भूमि वापस दिलाने के कितने प्रकरण 31.7.97 तक प्रत्येक जिल में विचाराधीन है, और

(घ) इस संबंध में लम्बित प्रकरणों को तेजी से निपटाने हेतु की जा रही कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री (श्री किंजरापू येरन्नायडु) : (क) से (घ) मध्य प्रदेश राज्य सरकार से सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Closure of developmental Schemes

2436. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to close or cut expenditure on 293 developmental schemes mainly undergoing in rural areas viz. Panchayat Swasthya Sewa Scheme, projects for setting-up cold storage etc. as per the news-item which appeared in "Pioneer" dated the 11th July, 1997; if so, the details thtreof;

(b) the reasons for closure of the above schemes;

(c) whether closure of the above schemes in rural areas will adversely affect principle of social justice to the people living in rural areas; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) to (d) The Ministry